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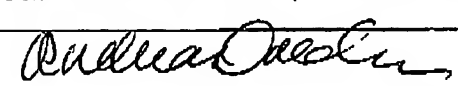
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL (37 CFR 1.116)

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In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2004, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks. The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for his time in discussing the present application.

As discussed with the Examiner, claim 1 is directed to a mixing tube alone, independent of any system in which the tube may be installed, the mixing tube having a collar rigidly fixed to an outer surface of the mixing tube body. In contrast, the mixing tube 87 of

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Chalmers, when viewed independently, *i.e.*, not installed in the system of Chalmers, is a conventional mixing tube body, that does not have a collar rigidly fixed to an outer surface of the mixing tube body. Given that claim 1 does not positively recite a system into which the mixing tube may be installed, but rather simply claims the mixing tube, applicants believe it is inappropriate to rely on the system of Chalmers to obviate the claim, given that the mixing tube of Chalmers must be inserted in the system and the collet must be tightened around the mixing tube to arrive at the structure relied on by the Examiner to reject claim 1. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claim 1, and the claims that depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

If questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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